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## **INFORMATION PAPER**

SUBJECT: Saipan Drainage Master Plan, Saipan

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.

2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. The study is being conducted under authority of Section 22 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1974, as amended, and funded under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Program.

b. The study was initiated in fiscal year 1999 at the request of the project sponsor, CNMI, Department of Public Works. The study objective is to provide topographic mapping and a rainfall frequency study in preparation for future conceptual drainage plans to be developed in the Chalan Kanoa and Garapan districts of Saipan.

c. Digitized orthophoto mapping was completed in fiscal year 2001. A rainfall frequency study was completed in fiscal year 2003.

d. The total cost for the project was \$375,000, all of which was paid through the PAS program. PAS studies are normally cost shared on a 50 percent Federal and 50 percent non-Federal basis. However, Section 1156 of the WRDA 1986 waives the project sponsor's cost sharing requirements up to \$200,000 for all studies and projects conducted within the CNMI.

3. Congressional Interest. There is minimal Congressional interest in this project, at this time.